

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

The application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters

Response to the Office Action

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-6. Applicant has amended claims 1-2 and the specification, in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions recited in paragraph (3) of the Office Action. However, it is submitted that the amendments to claims 1-2 merely improve spelling and grammar, and do not narrow the scope of claims 1-2 in any manner.

Applicant respectfully submits that all formal matters have been addressed and the present application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

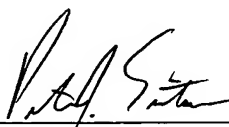
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Respectfully submitted

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